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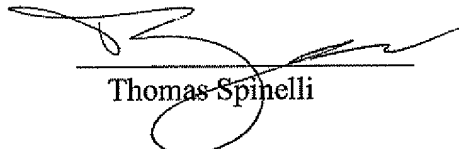
In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, it is requested that the following references, which are also listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, be made of record in the above-identified case.

1. U.S. Patent No. 4,834,702, issued to Rocco, dated May 30, 1989;
2. U.S. Patent No. 2,600,091, issued to Becker, dated June 10, 1952; and

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3. Japanese Patent Publication No. 2000-175925, dated June 27, 2000.

The references were cited in an Office Action dated January 21, 2008 received from the German Patent Office. Applicants are submitting a copy of the above-cited references required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.98 (a)(2)(i) and (ii), together with a copy of the Office Action and an English translation thereof. The relevance of the above-identified references has been described in the Office Action. Please note that the other reference cited in the Office Action, namely, German Patent Application No. DE 695 17 153 T2, dated May 17, 1996, was previously submitted in Applicants' Information Disclosure Statement dated February 23, 2004.

In compliance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3), as a concise statement of relevance, as it is presently understood by the individual designated in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(c) most knowledgeable about the content of the information, the undersigned attorney of record submits a translation of the official action by a foreign examiner in which the references were cited. The relevance to the pending U.S. patent application is that the references were cited in a foreign patent application on the same subject matter. However, no independent analysis of the references, the accuracy of the statement of the foreign examiner or the claims of the foreign application under the laws of that country or the United States relative to the subject matter claimed in the present application has been made; the present understanding of the contents thereof by the undersigned being based on the translation of the foreign examiner's comments submitted herewith.

The undersigned attorney hereby states that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

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